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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/883,300	Applicant(s) BOYSKO ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims **1-20** are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by **Borsato et al.** (hereinafter Borsato) U.S. Patent No. **6,654,891**.

4. As to claim 1, Borsato teaches the invention as claimed, including a method for integrating security and user account data in a reporting system with at least one remote repository comprising the steps of:

enabling a user to submit user credential input to a reporting system (figures 2A, 8, block 803, col. 9, lines 56-67);

identifying an authentication process (figures 1, 8, col. 10, lines 1-10, lines 51-65);

forwarding the user credential input to a server (figure 8, blocks 803-804, col. 10, lines 1-20); and

enabling the server to apply the authentication process to authenticate the user against a remote repository for verifying the user credential input (figure 8, blocks 805-807, col. 10, lines 1-30, lines 51-65).

5. As to claim 2, Borsato teaches the invention as claimed, further comprising a step of importing user information from the remote repository (figure 8, col. 10, lines 1-30).

6. As to claim 3, Borsato teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the authentication process comprises Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (figure 8, col. 10, lines 10-30, lines 51-65).

7. As to claim 4, Borsato teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the authentication process comprises an operating system authentication (col. 9, lines 55-col. 10, lines 30).

8. As to claim 5, Borsato teaches the invention as claimed, further comprising a step of enabling the server to synchronize user account data with the user information from the remote repository (figure 8, col. 10, lines 20-30).

9. As to claim 7, Borsato teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the user information comprises at least one or user permissions, privileges and access rights associated with the user (col. 9, lines 56-col, 10, lines 24).

10. As to claim 8, Borsato teaches the invention as claimed, including a system for integrating security and user account data in a reporting system with at least one remote repository, comprising:

an input for enabling a user to submit user credential input to a reporting system (figures 2A, 8, block 803, col. 9, lines 56-67);

an identification module for identifying an authentication process (figures 1, 8, col. 10, lines 1-10, lines 51-65);

a forwarding module for forwarding the user credential input to a server (figure 8, blocks 803-804, col. 10, lines 1-20); and

a server for applying the authentication process to authenticate the user against a remote repository for verifying the user credential input (figure 8, blocks 805-807, col. 10, lines 1-30, lines 51-65).

11. As to claim 9, Borsato teaches the invention as claimed, further comprising an import module for importing user information from the remote repository (figure 8, col. 10, lines 1-30).

12. As to claim 10, Borsato teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the authentication process comprises Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (figure 8, col. 10, lines 10-30, lines 51-65).

13. As to claim 11, Borsato teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the authentication process comprises an operating system authentication (col. 9, lines 55-col. 10, lines 30).

14. As to claim 12, Borsato teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the server synchronizes user account data with the user information from the remote repository (figure 8, col. 10, lines 20-30).

15. As to claim 14, Borsato teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the user information comprises at least one or user permissions, privileges and access rights associated with the user (col. 9, lines 56-col. 10, lines 24).

16. As to claim 15, Borsato teaches the invention as claimed, including a processor-readable medium comprising code for execution by a processor to integrate security and user account data in a reporting system with at least one remote repository, the medium comprising:

code for causing a processor to enable a user to submit user credential input to a reporting system (figures 2A, 8, block 803, col. 9, lines 56-67);

code for causing a processor to identify an authentication process (figures 1, 8, col. 10, lines 1-10, lines 51-65);

code for causing a processor to forward the user credential input to a server (figure 8, blocks 803-804, col. 10, lines 1-20); and

code for causing a processor to enable the server to apply the authentication process to authenticate the user against a remote repository for verifying the user credential input (figure 8, blocks 805-807, col. 10, lines 1-30, lines 51-65).

17. As to claim 16, Borsato teaches the invention as claimed, further comprising code for causing a processor to import user information from the remote repository (figure 8, col. 10, lines 1-30).

18. As to claim 17, Borsato teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the authentication process comprises at least one of Lightweight Directory Access Protocol and operating system authentication (figure 8, col. 10, lines 10-30, lines 51-65).

19. As to claim 18, Borsato teaches the invention as claimed, further comprising code for causing a processor to enable the server to synchronize user account data with the user information from the remote repository (figure 8, col. 10, lines 20-30).

20. As to claim 20, Borsato teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the user information comprises at least one or user permissions, privileges and access rights associated with the user (col. 9, lines 56-col, 10, lines 24).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

21. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

22. Claims 6, 13, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over **Borsato** U.S. Patent No. **6,654,891**, in view of **Win et al.** (hereinafter **Win**) U.S. Patent No. **6,453,353**.

23. As to claim 6, Borsato does not explicitly teach the invention as claimed; however, Win teaches wherein the user is associated with a group of users wherein group information from the remote repository is imported (abstract, figures 1-2, col. 2, lines 42-col. 3, lines 40). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention was made to combine the teachings of Borsato and Win to have the user is associated with a group of users wherein group

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information from the remote repository is imported because it would have an efficient communications system that can control a flexible, extensible, additive data model stored in a database that describes the user, roles of the user and function groups in the enterprise that are associated with the user (abstract).

24. As to claim 13 and 16, they are system claims directed for integrating security and user account data in a report system with a remote repository of method claim 6. Claims 13 and 19 have similar limitations to claim 6; therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale.

Conclusion

25. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

26. Subramaniam et al. (USPN 6,640,302), Reiche (USPN 6,092,196), Wu et al. (US Publication No. 2002/0083095), Drosset et al. (USPN 6,662,231), Doyle et al. (USPN 6,438,550), Garrison (USPN 6,275,939) are recited for disclosing various information related to the claimed invention. Applicants are requested to consider these prior art references when responding to this office action.

27. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu Ha Nguyen, whose telephone number is (703) 305-7447. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 0:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain T. Alam, can be reached at (703) 308-6662.

Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.

The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306 for regular communications.

Thu Ha Nguyen

September 16, 2004


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PATENT EXAMINER